

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

VERY INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Exciting Scenes in Congress.

DEBATE IN THE SENATE ON THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

The House Engaged on the Navy Appropriation Bill.

Important Relative to the Collins' Line of Steamers.

Inklings from Various Parts of the Country.

The Latest from Washington City.

THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAUCUS—INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE NEXT PRESIDENT—GENERAL CHARGES AGAINST SECRETARY WEBSTER—THE CHARGES AGAINST SECRETARY WEBSTER—THE CHARGES AGAINST SECRETARY WEBSTER.

The Herold report of a democratic caucus of Senators on rivers and harbors, is confirmed by this day's debate. Its disclosures are exceedingly interesting. Gen. Cass defined his position, and was listened to with profound attention. He was in favor of rivers and harbors, but opposed to this bill. He thought about a million should be cut out of it. Mr. Douglas took the main part. This is the result of the caucus committee. It looks severe for the bill, but Mr. Clay has made the issue to vote down all amendments. The debate promises to last all night, and till sunrise on Sunday morning.

The whole Pennsylvania Legislature were on the Senate floor during the discussion to-day.

The Cheap Postage bill is in danger of suffocation. Mr. Potter attempted to report it to-day, but was not heard by the Speaker. This is a bad sign.

A parcel of Nicaragua correspondence was laid before the Senate, and has gone to the tomb of the Capulets—i.e., the public printer. It is understood, however, that it contains nothing new.

British interests are predominant. They will no continue. The Tebeantene treaty is still waiting confirmation. The debate to-day indicates a reorganization of the democracy on a Southern platform. It is the first distinct party movement for the coming campaign.

The Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the President's message on the Boston outrage, are ready to report. They do not consider further legislation necessary, as the President has now sufficient powers.

Mr. Berrien was in favor of adopting the President's suggestions with regard to the militia. Mr. Butler has drawn up a minority report regarding the power which the President now has of calling out the militia without an appeal to Congress, and recommending the compulsory resignation of Mr. Davis, chief clerk of the War Department, took effect to-day.

Mr. Clay, a man of truth, declares that his statement relative to what collector Greeley said of him, of the contents of Secretary Webster's letter to Mr. Haven, is true to the letter, notwithstanding the authorized denials. Mr. Butler, who has been in the cabinet, was present. Mr. Otis with the other two, thought that Mr. Webster ought not to go into the cabinet, and that he should be removed from the cabinet.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, held here yesterday, ex-Governor Samuel Spring, of Maryland, was elected President, vice General Connel, who declined a re-election.

Treasury statement, as published this morning, shows a net amount of public loans in the treasury subject to draft, to the sum of fourteen millions two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, of which two millions six hundred and twenty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty cents (14,225,261.25), of which two millions six hundred and fifty thousand are in the treasury, New York, and six millions seven hundred thousand in the mint at Philadelphia.

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS. SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

OFFICE CORNER OF SENATE AND HANOVER STREETS.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1851.

The Chair held before the Senate a message from the President, communicating all the information he possessed concerning the difficulties between the British and Nicaragua authorities. Not read, but ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wallis presented a petition from the Governor and Legislature of Delaware, in favor of the Elbow River.

Mr. Wallis presented the credentials of Mr. Bayard, Senator elect from Delaware.

Mr. Pearce moved to take up the bill amending the existing laws regulating the compensation of members of Congress, by declaring that hereafter no Senator shall receive what is called constructive mileage. He explained the bill, and urged that the Senate ought to do its duty to pass it.

Mr. Clay, as an old man, who had occupied a seat in the Senate for many of its present members were born, urged the Senate to pass the bill from its own sense, and not to let the character it enjoyed in every part of the country.

The bill was then read a third time, and passed.

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NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

BY MORGAN'S LINE, NO. 16 WALL STREET.

FOR THE ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Mr. Morgan reported favorably a bill to amend the usury laws. The bill is as follows:—Section two provides that no contract or assurance for the payment of money with interest at a greater per cent than is heretofore provided for, shall be rendered void; but whenever, in any action brought on such contract or assurance, it shall appear upon a special answer to the complaint being made to that effect, that a greater rate of interest or assurance has been taken or received, than is allowed by law, the defendant shall receive his costs, and the whole interest reserved on the contract or assurance shall be deemed to be the balance only which shall remain due after deducting the whole amount of said interest. Section three provides that whenever a greater rate of interest than is allowed by the first section of this act shall have been paid, the party paying the same may recover back the amount of the whole interest paid, provided an action shall be brought within twelve months after the date when the said interest shall have been paid. If the creditor is living, the debtor may be admitted as a witness.

Assembly.

ALBANY, March 1, 1851.

No session to-day.

Railroad Depot Burned.

MARSHFIELD BRIDGE, N. H. Feb. 28, 1851.

The large freight depot of the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad, at this place, was entirely consumed by fire this morning.

Further Arrests of Negro Rioters at Boston.

Boston, March 1, 1851.

Robert Morris, Jr., a colored lawyer, and J. H. Coburn, clothes dealer, were arrested this morning on a charge of aiding in the late riot, and were held for examination. The Hon. Josiah Quincy, Jr., became bail for Mr. Morris.

The Majority of Syracuse.

Syracuse, March 1, 1851.

Major M. D. Burnett is the democratic candidate for Mayor in this city.

The Pennsylvania Legislature at Baltimore.

Baltimore, March 1, 1851.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania spent last night in Baltimore, and left this morning, in the cars, for Washington. The entertainment given to them was a grand affair. The two States pledged a union of interests in prosecuting their great work of internal improvement, and the Marylanders were accompanied by the Governor of Maryland was present. They will return to Harrisburg on Monday morning.

Ship on Fire at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 27, 1851.

The bark Ulrica, loaded for Antwerp, and having on board 400 bales of cotton and 300 tiers of rice, is on fire in the hold. The cotton has been thrown overboard, and the vessel scuttled. [It is a strange fact that the Ulrica, which left the port of Philadelphia, caught fire in the cabin, and was burned. This is a suspicious coincidence, and as her cargo was insured in New York, may be of interest to her underwriters.]

Marine Intelligence.

BALTIMORE, March 1, 1851.

Capt. R. T. Brown, of the steamer Freeman Rodney, which was built in Pittsburgh and bound for New York, was captured by the Confederates, and taken to Nassau, where he was compelled to put in in distress.

Meteorological Observations, March 1.

BY JAMES H. HARRIS, M.D.

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Our London Correspondence.

STATE OF EUROPE.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 1st, 1851.

The Papal Aggression—Durand's Motion Lost, by 14 votes only—The Whig Government—Lord Minto and Cardinal Wiseman—An Irish Cardinal—France—Rejection of the Dotation Bill—Germany—Austrian Intervention—Italy and China—The Spanish Debt—Blockade of San Salvador—Admission to the Crystal Palace.

A narrow escape of defeat of the ministry on Durand's motion in favor of protection to agriculture, and an adjourned debate upon the first reading of Lord John Russell's proposed measures against Papal encroachment, are the home topics of the week. There was a general feeling last night, in the clubs, that the very small majority of the ministry would have been still less.

The Whig ministry may last another session, but men express their doubts as to its duration beyond. Lord John's measures on the Papal aggression, as developed by himself in a clever